

Field Crops

PRINCIPAL CROPS

Utah farmers planted 1.1 million acres to principal crops in 2001, virtually the same as 2000. Harvested acres were 988,000 acres, 3 percent less than 2000. Preliminary total value of principal crops was \$292.4 million compared with \$266.3 million in 2000.

SMALL GRAINS

2001 all wheat production, at 6.0 million bushels, was down 12 percent from 2000. Average price received by producers was \$3.20 per bushel, 5 cents lower than 2000 but 55 cents higher than 1999. The value of the crop, at \$19.4 million, was 14 percent below 2000 and 19 percent below 1999. Average yield of 42.8 bushels per acre was 1.5 bushels above 2000's yield. Acres harvested was 141,000, down 25,000 acres from 2000. **Winter wheat** production of 5.3 million bushels was down 10 percent from the 2000 level. The average price of \$3.20 per bushel was 5 cents below 2000. Value of production fell 11 percent to \$16.8 million. Winter wheat yield, at 42 bushels per acre, was 2 bushels above 2000. Harvested acreage of 125,000 acres was 20,000 acres less than 2000. **Other spring wheat** production of 784,000 bushels was 25 percent below the previous year. The average price of \$3.35 per bushel was down 20 cents from 2000. Value of production, at \$2.6 million, was down 30 percent from the 2000 level. Yield of 49 bushels per acre was 1 bushel below last year. Harvested acreage of 16,000 acres was down 24 percent from 2000.

Barley production, at 4.4 million bushels, was 1.0 million bushels below 2000. The average price of \$2.05 per bushel was up 5 cents. The value of the crop, at \$9.1 million, was down 17 percent. Yield of 68.0 bushels per acre was 2 bushels below last year. Harvested acres, at 65,000, was 17 percent below 2000.

Oat production, at 390,000 bushels, was 20 percent below the previous year. Average price of \$2.00 per bushel was 35 cents above 2000. The value of production was down 3.6 percent to \$780,000. Oat yield was 65 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from 2000. Harvested acreage for grain was 6,000 acres, 1,000 acres less than 2000.

CORN

2001 corn for grain production at 2.1 million bushels was down 18 percent from the 2000 level. Average price was \$2.65 per bushel, up 4 cents from the previous year. Total value of the crop, at \$5.6 million, was 17 percent below 2000. Corn for grain yield, at 142 bushels, was up 2 bushels from the 2000 level. Harvested acreage for grain was 15,000, down 3,000 acres from 2000. Total **corn silage** production was 924,000 tons compared with 945,000 tons in 2000. Yield of 21 tons per acre was the same as 2000. Harvested acreage of 44,000 was 2.2 percent below the previous year. The value of the crop was \$30.5 million compared with \$25.5 million the previous year. Silage price of \$33 per ton was \$6.00 more than 2000.

HAY

2001 alfalfa hay production of 2.2 million tons was the same as the 2000 level. Yield of 4.00 tons per acre was the same as 2000. Harvested acres, at 550,000 acres, was the same as 2000. **All other hay** yielded 2.10 tons per acre for a production of 336,000 tons, up 12 percent from 2000. Harvested acres of 160,000 acres compared with 150,000 acres harvested in 2000. The 2001 **all hay** crop was valued at \$235.0 million, up 23 percent from 2000. The price per ton, at \$96.50, was up \$18.00 from the previous year.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS

2001 dry edible bean production for 2001, at 1.7 million pounds, was 70 percent above the 2000 level. Growers harvested 5,700 acres compared with 3,000 acres during 2000. Yields averaged 300 pounds per acre. Value of production at \$372,000 compares with \$206,000 in 2000 and \$938,000 in 1999. Price per hundredweight (cwt) was \$21.90, up \$1.30 from 2000.

